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We are entering into the highest risk part of the season. Residents have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

- Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors
- Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours
- Clothing Can Help Reduce Bites

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

- Drain Standing Water
- Install or Repair Screens

Protect Your Animals

For more details and information please see the Natick Health Department Web Page:

<http://www.natickma.gov/244/Mosquito-Information>

At this part of the season mosquito spraying interventions may not always be possible.

The standard residential spraying program ceases at the end of August due to reduced mosquito populations and decreasing service requests from residents. As we get close to the end of summer cooler night time temperatures tend to predominate. Low temperatures reduce mosquito activity and the effectiveness of the pesticide. Spraying is not allowed until after sunset and is prohibited at temperatures below 50° due to label restrictions.

Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Surveillance Staff will continue to trap, identify and test mosquitoes until MDPH ends the testing program.

The Central Mass Mosquito Project monitors mosquito activity in the area. Complaints about mosquitoes may be registered by calling the CMMPC office at 508-393-3055 or by visiting their web site <http://www.cmmcp.org>

Information about Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV) and reports of activity in Massachusetts can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website <http://www.mass.gov/dph/wnv> or by calling the Epidemiology Program at 617-983-6800.